

# Howard County, Maryland

## Sparrow Big Days

Bonnie Ott and Joanne Solem

**Sparrow Big Day 7 October 17, 2009.** Leader: Bonnie Ott. Recorder: Joe Hanfman. Total participants: 11. Ed Carlson, Ralph Cullison, Bill Hill, Emmalyn Holdridge, Nancy Magnusson, Jim Moore, Kurt Schwarz, Joanne Solem, Mark Wallace. Weather: Rain! Time: 7:30 a.m. - noon. Total sparrow species: 9. Meeting site: UMDCF. Notable bird species: Blue-winged Teal, Rusty Blackbird – UMDCF; Northern Harrier (3) – Alpha Ridge Landfill.

The only two locations covered were UMDCF and Alpha Ridge Landfill (since Ralph had arranged entry, we hated to miss the potential for a special bird). The three harriers were a pleasant surprise and Grasshopper Sparrow was added. We gave up with continuing rain.